

Grace Pointers,

A few weeks ago we talked about the importance of understanding your spiritual gifts and serving the Body of Christ with those gifts. Today we talked about the commission for us to serve—as a way of being.

Today we washed one another's feet. Christ gave us an example by washing the disciples feet—an example of humility and love by doing the lowliest of services in his day. Now, we probably aren't going to go wash the feet of the neighbor across the street, but we are to follow His example in the attitude of serving. People serve for a variety of reasons—but is it out of a humble obedience and response to God's love? What is the position of your heart? Jesus set the example, and said we are to do the same. What will that look like for you to do a humble service this week?

I hope today was memorable and thought-provoking, and that the Holy Spirit used it to show you where you needed transformation in following Christ's example. We have been forgiven much, so therefore we must love much.

One Life, One Lifetime,
Pastor Jeff

Musing

As we were unpacking boxes on the first day of our recent move, our house was filled with family and friends. Each was unpacking and cleaning and sorting through attempting to bring order to the chaos. Late in the day one friend remained and she stayed tirelessly working. The next morning again she unexpectedly showed up and I could see my wife's shoulders relax at her presence, knowing that help had arrived. This is the picture of a servant...no one asked...the need was clear and with sacrifice and compassion she served. This is the ministry of Jesus, these small acts are his hands and feet.



Attention!

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Letters to a Warrior Poet

...got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.
John 13:4

Warrior Poet*,

Jesus disrobes to serve you. In an act of humility, vulnerability and utter confidence he lowers himself in order that we might rise with Him. He shows us the necessity of this ministry to us and then unexpectedly He turns and commissions us to the same ministry. This is the example he gives us: to humble ourselves and in the confidence of our Father's call, make ourselves vulnerable in the serving of others' needs both physically and spiritually.

**"Warrior Poet" references the heart of David who wrote the majority of Psalms. He had the heart of an artist and yet was a warrior and king. These devotionals are written to encourage those who have hearts passionate for God to press on in the journey.



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Our purpose is to lead
unsaved people to a
relationship of full devotion
to Jesus Christ.

Take It Home

Sermon Application

Ordained: The Commission **Senior Pastor Jeff Harris**

- I. The Servant of Servants
1 Samuel 25:41; 2 Samuel 6:20-23
- II. Humility of Serving
John 13:3-11
- III. Command to Continue
John 13:12-17
- IV. The Motive is the Measure
Luke 7:40-48

Discussion

- What makes you more uncomfortable—serving someone in an “awkward” way or being served? What emotion does serving or being served stir in you?
- Was there a time when someone served you in a way showing humility? A time when you have served in such a way?
- The heart behind the act is critical. What are times or ways you've wrestled with serving from a wrong heart?
- What would the modern equivalent of foot washing be? Why?
- Do you resist this command of Jesus in some way? Why?

Family Activity

The Commission

Read aloud the story of Mary washing the feet of Jesus in *Luke 7:37-48*.

Answer the following questions together:

- What did the woman use for washing Jesus feet?
- What did other people say about this act?
- What was Jesus' response to the woman?

The woman in the story gave Jesus a very costly gift. It cost money and time. She gave all of her perfume to Him to show Him how much she loved Him. As a family you can make sweet smelling sachets to remind you of the costly gift that she gave Jesus and of how you can give all you have to Jesus too.

Cut three 6-inch circles from fabric. In a sturdy Ziploc baggy place a whole vanilla bean, a tablespoon of whole cloves, three teaspoons of dried dill and some dried rose petals. Seal the bag. With the heel of your hand, crush the spices with the petals. Divide the crushed materials and place a small amount in the center of each fabric circle. Gather the fabric to make a “neck” and tie it with a ribbon.

Discuss:

- Where can we keep one of these to remind us of the woman's gift to Jesus?
- Who can we share a sachet with so they can remember the story, too?